

for the protection and enhancement of our community. Their motto of Connect, Serve, and Impact speaks of officers connecting with the community as they serve with pride to provide a positive impact to its citizens. Their selfless actions are right and noble, and help keep our community safe.

The Palm Bay Police Department obtained its State of Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation status on October 31, 2007, from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc., and has successfully been re-accredited over the last ten years.

I am honored to show my support for the law enforcement personnel of the Palm Bay Police Department and their heroic acts. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their sacrifices, and the sacrifices of their families.

Among those to be recognized are the Officer of the Year Recipient, Officer Kyle Schuck and the Civilian of the Year Recipient, Nicholas Zynko.

The Distinguished Service Cross Award Recipients: Officer Christopher Snedeker, Officer Kyle Schuck.

Officer and Civilian Recipients of the Life Saving Award: Officer Bailey Ritchie-Sullivan, Officer Edwin Lutz, Officer Carlos Valentin, Officer Deylen Machado (2), Officer Caroline Jodoin, Officer Sean Dutil, Officer Cory Presley, Corporal William Pennington, Officer Aaron Yuergens, Officer Steven Hill.

Officer and Civilian Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award: Officer Kyle Schuck, Officer Stephan Smith, Detective Jorge Negron (2), Officer Roy LaVanture, Agent Millan Valdes, Detective Jesse Suelter, Nicholas Zynko.

Officer and Civilian Recipients of the Community Service Award: Officer Kyle Schuck (2), Officer Kyle Eakins, Officer Nicholas Abroe, Officer Thomas Trotter, Corporal Alcine Phang-Pennington, Patricia Tobar, Jennifer Williams, Kimberly Meade.

RECOGNIZING JAMES B. HOWARD ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE KING GEORGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. James B. Howard, a citizen of King George County and Virginia's First District, on his retirement from the King George County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Howard served his community well as a member of the Board of Supervisors for the James Monroe District from 1976 to 1978. Additionally, Mr. Howard served as a member of the King George County School Board from 1988 to 1991, and the County Supervisor for the James Monroe District from 2000 to 2009 and 2014 to 2017.

During his tenure, Mr. Howard furthered the education of our youth through leading the development of Sealston Elementary School, construction of the new King George High School, the expansion of the King George Middle School, and renovation of the Potomac

Elementary School, in addition to other leadership successes. Mr. Howard served as the Chairman of the King George County Board of Supervisors for multiple terms and dedicated 21 years to serving the county in local government.

In addition to his service in local government, Mr. Howard worked at Naval Surface Warfare Station Dahlgren for 37 years. Mr. Howard began as a Contract Negotiator, earning several promotions before establishing the Work for Private Parties Program. Mr. Howard retired from Dahlgren and entered the private sector. His awards include the Navy Meritorious Civilian Award for his contributions to the Navy, NAVSEA Award for Outstanding Contributions to Work for Others: NSWCD, and the NAVSEA Navy Acquisition Reform Award.

I would like to thank Mr. Howard for his many contributions throughout his 21-year career. I wish him and his wife, Sheila, the best of luck in their future endeavors.

NICOLE MCCABE DESIGN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nicole McCabe Design for receiving the 2017 West Chamber of Commerce Minority-Owned Business of the Year Award.

Nicole McCabe is the owner of Nicole McCabe Design which is a full service graphic design firm offering innovative design and marketing solutions. This boutique firm specializes in corporate identity, print, packaging, signage and event collateral. Established in San Francisco 20 years ago, Nicole relocated her family and business to Lakewood 10 years ago. Her business offers design communication nationwide, to start-ups, non-profits and businesses of all sizes. At Nicole McCabe Design, their mission is to provide graphic design solutions that communicate the vision of their clients.

As a minority business owner, Nicole feels it's essential to inspire not only people of color, but anyone facing challenges in their personal or professional life. She enjoys sharing the benefits of owning a business, such as learning tenacity, standing up to face challenges, personal growth, and the people you meet. Nicole is a graduate of Pasadena Art Center College of Design and San Francisco State University.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nicole McCabe Design for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber of Commerce.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for Roll Call No. 57 (on the Motion to Table the

Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair) and Roll Call No. 64 (H.R. 1153, Mortgage Choice Act of 2017). Had I been present, I would have voted No on each of these votes.

IN HONOR OF JENNIE JOANNIDES' 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Jennie Joannides on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

I join her friends and family in extending my best to her on this occasion and in celebrating her life and contributions to our great state. I hope she uses this momentous day to do the same.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Jennie Joannides on her birthday. May her year be filled with happiness and blessings.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH AN- NIVERSARY OF THE TRANS- CONTINENTAL RAILROAD IN CALIFORNIA

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the rich history of the Transcontinental Railroad as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of its completion. As the community gathers today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this important landmark in the history of the greater Sacramento region, the State of California, and our country.

On May 10, 1869, the final spike in the transcontinental railroad was driven into the ground, connecting the East and West coasts of our country for the first time. This final spike was the culmination of six years of grueling work, and stands today as a testament to the ingenuity and tenacity of the American citizens and early Chinese immigrants who labored to accomplish this feat. We should not—and thanks to the efforts of the 150th Transcontinental Railroad Committee, we will not—ever forget the contributions of the laborers who made this remarkable engineering feat possible.

Today, we understand the Transcontinental Railroad to be the very definition of a marvel of design and technological progress. It is an important historical landmark that, in my hometown of Sacramento, forms an essential part of our history and of who we are as a people in 2018. We remember today the remarkable engineering, the industrial might, and above all the people who built the Transcontinental Railroad.

Mr. Speaker, as the Transcontinental Railroad celebrates its 150-year anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring its rich history and significance in the Sacramento region.